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Otto Lauren Nelson Jr., 46-year old insurance executive and a resident of Princeton for the past three years, whose achievements as an organizational troubleshooter were recognized last week with his appointment to President Truman's newly-created advisory committee on management. In tapping Nelson and 11 other experts, the White House was initiating a systematic program to "evaluate and improve the effectiveness and economy of government operations," the general field in which Nelson majored with distinction during World War II.

A member of the Class of 1924 at the United States Military Academy, this native of Omaha, Neb., actually entered civilian life in 1946 after compiling a staggering war record. In the space of five years, he exchanged a major's leaves for a major general's stars, helped effect the most sweeping organizational changes in War Department history, held forth as deputy commander of an overseas theater and at war's end served as a Special Adviser to the Department of State.

Now directing the New York Life Insurance Company's \$100,000,000 housing program, Nelson through the years has been chiefly interested in the science of administration. It was in 1938 as an infantry captain, with 15 years of varied service behind him, that Nelson won a Littauer Fellowship in Harvard's Graduate School of Public Administration. His doctoral thesis at Harvard was an analysis of the War Department General Staff, the venture that established him as an authority on military staffs and became the core of his post-war publication, "National Security and The General Staff."

Late in 1941, upon completing his third tour of duty on the West Point Faculty, he plunged into the Washington maelstrom, participating in the organization of the nation's air strength and playing a key role in the activities of the War Department Reorganization Committee. Upon Nelson—as Committee Secretary—fell the responsibility for drafting Circular Number 59 (March 2, 1942), the famous Army directive that cast off the shackles of the past and brought into being the Army's three great commands, the Air Forces, Ground Forces and Services of Supply.

For seeking to straighten—first as a soldier and now as a civilian—the meandering paths of government; for sensing the need for exploiting the new and abandoning the obsolete; for realistically tempering academic research with on-the-job experience and observation; he is TOWN TOPICS' nominee for

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## Topics of the Town

News—In and Out of Town. In Princeton, the first week in August 1949 was cooler (July had been the hottest month in 39 years) and quieter than its half-dozen immediate predecessors. The Township Committee set a public hearing on its proposed building code for Monday night but had postponed until after Labor Day the debate on the projected shopping center. The Borough Council postponed its August meeting a week, would wait until next month to phrase the complex referendum on the Greenholm question.

But if the pace in Princeton was slowed by the pleasant time of year that connotes relaxation, the dramatic, the humorous, the tragic kept many a New Jersey community in the news. This week, one Princeton dateline was noteworthy:

Joseph Sippley, an Italian emigrant who was a restaurant owner here for nearly 40 years, died Sunday. Known to generations of undergraduates for his friendliness and willingness to cash checks, he once exclaimed when

approached by a young freshman, "I've had a lot of checks handed to me in my time, even one signed 'Julius Caesar,' but I draw the line at taking one signed 'John D. Rockefeller 3d'." The slightly-abashed yearling, a member of the class of 1929, actually was the famous oil man's grandson.

Elsewhere in the State, this was news:

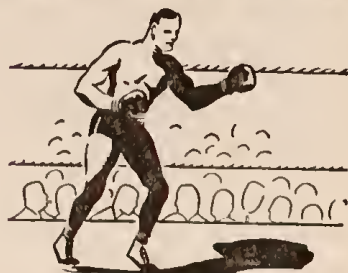
In Chesterfield, near Fort Dix, a Navy fighter pilot clipped the wing off a transport, crashed spectacularly to his death with the larger plane's 15 passengers on the farm of C. Arthur Miller. Next day, when hundreds of motorists flocked to see the wreckage, the Miller family charged each a 25c parking fee.

In Morristown, 6-year-old Linda Hewit went with her father to see her mother in the hospital. Barred by a rule prohibiting children under 12 as visitors, she played outside, was hit and bruised by a truck, got a bed next to her mom. —Continued on Page 3

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In Hamburg, farmer Robert Ortt led a team of horses and 41 dairy cows out to pasture. Two minutes later, lightning struck the barn, water power failed and it burned to the ground.

In Lambertville, preparations went forward for pageantry to mark the town's 100th anniversary this month. Mayor William Naylor, approving a "Gold Rush" theme, went about in buckskin with an old Kentucky rifle, passed a resolution asking all men in town to grow beards.

In Spring Lake, a case of polio a day and two deaths had been reported for the past fortnight. Town officials scheduled a special meeting to discuss closing pools and other emergency measures. (Mercer County had no new cases in July.)

In Trenton, police received a call reporting that a shotgun murder had just been committed. Investigation found Andrew Ribsam, permit in pocket, calmly potting pesky starlings.

In Wildwood Crest, a lesson was enacted for residents of other communities who protest against poor or curtailed train service. Residents of the town were so hopping mad about the smoke and noise made by the iron horse that they started a move to have the tracks torn up.

In Secaucus, officials opened a long-awaited new section of a highway designed to eliminate traffic accidents. Same afternoon, six persons were injured on the —Continued on Page 6

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One was away when Jack Petrone unloaded a towering triple into dead center. The visitors infield came in and Jim Brown, a left hander batting against a standout southpaw in Bob Tripanera, punched a blooper over the outstretched glove of the visiting shortstop.

Earlier, Nick Ross had put the home forces two up when he lined a ground-rule double into the woods behind right field with three on. Belle Mead knotted the count in the fourth when Abe Towelson hit a fat pitch served up by Bob DiGiovanni into deep left field for four bases with one man aboard. The starting Princeton hurler developed a sore arm in this round, Tom Brophy taking over and becoming the winning pitcher. A sparkling throw by Jim Kopliner in left field cut down a run at the plate in the Belle Mead fifth to assure the Princeton victory when the Petrone-Brown combine went to work two frames later.

Wilson Comerford let Pennington down with six hits and one run as the league-leaders scored three Thursday evening. Joe Coffee and Joe Friel paced the Tigertown attack. Games at Manmouth Junction Thursday, Plainsboro here Monday and the re-play of a tie at Blawenburg next Thursday remain before the first round of the  
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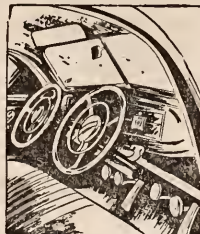
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## News of the Theatres

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### THE McCARTER

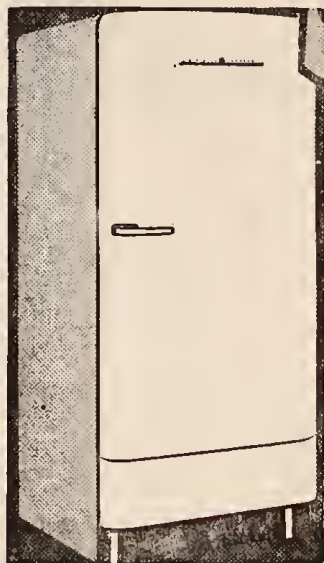
Petticoat Fever, a comedy with Sonny Tufts, is on deck through Saturday. Next week, Diana Barrymore in "Light up the Sky," Moss Hart's piece about various stage personalities, which ran in New York a year ago.

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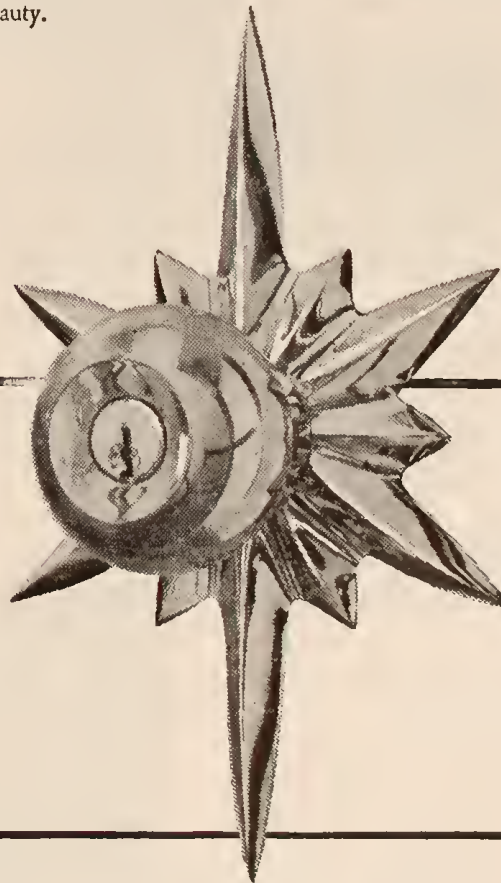
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**Miscellany.** Many Princetonians will attend the annual Harvest Home sponsored by the Blawenburg Reformed Church Saturday afternoon . . . Thomas R. Mulvey of Post 76 was made a vice-commander of the County American Legion Saturday, Ernest F. Drake was named to his 10th year as finance officer, Thomas Darby of Post 218 was elected sergeant-at-arms.

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Cantalopes .....2 for 19c  
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Lemons .....35c doz.  
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Fresh Lima Beans .....2 lbs. 25c  
Fresh Beets .....2 bunches 15c  
Celery Hearts .....2 bunches 19c  
Yellow Squash .....5c lb.

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

## NEWS OF THE THEATRES

—Continued from Page 5  
than an average adventure film.  
The Girl from Jones Beach  
(Thurs.-Sat.) sends artist Ronald  
Reagan hunting for a lass in whom  
he hopes to find all the physical  
virtues several previous models  
have displayed. Virginia Mayo,  
briefly bathing-suited, appears to  
have them. The equally sketchy  
plot qualifies as light humor.

**THE GARDEN**  
Calamity Jane and Sam Bass  
(Fri.-Sat.) is a western which pur-  
ports to show that outlaws would  
go straight if given half a chance.  
The theme detracts from the plot's  
credibility but Howard Duff,  
Yvonne DeCarlo et. al shoot, ride  
and kill fast enough to keep the  
faithful satisfied.

Till the Clouds Roll By (Mon.-  
Tues.), released three years ago,  
is the life story of composer Jerome  
Kern, thus providing room on the  
sound track for part or all of 23  
of his best-loved songs ("Ol' Man  
River," "Smoke Gets in Your  
Eyes," "Who," "Make Believe,"  
etc.) A long (137 min.) but top-  
flight musical with Judy Garland,  
Van Johnson, Dinah Shore, Robert  
Walker, many others.

Portrait of Maria (Wed.), a  
Mexican production with Dolores  
Del Rio, continues the foreign film  
offerings. It's a 1945 release.

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## Calendar of the Week

Saturday, August 6th  
8:15 p.m.: "The Range Busters," mo-  
tion picture at Witherspoon Presby-  
terian Church Parish House.

Sunday, August 7th  
7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.:  
Mass, St. Paul's R. C. Church.  
10:30 a.m.: "Reasonable" Excuses for  
Not Accepting Christ," Rev. Mr.  
Milton J. Nauss; Lutheran Service;  
Westminster College Chapel.

11:00 a.m.: Sermon, Rev. Mr. Stewart  
Snedeker of Collingswood; Methodist  
Church.

Sermon, Rev. Mr. Haig J. Narge-  
sian; Trinity Episcopal Church.  
"Glorious in the Cross," Rev. Roland  
F. Chandler; Princeton Baptist  
Church at Penns Neck.

"The Christ of the Future," Rev.  
Dr. William L. Tucker; Annual  
Union Service Communion of First  
and Second Presbyterian Churches;

Second Church.  
Sermon, Rev. Dr. William T. Par-  
ker; First Baptist Church.

"The Doorway to Life," Rev. Mr.  
Benjamin J. Anderson; Communion  
Service; Witherspoon Presbyterian  
Church.

"One Way," Rev. Mr. John W.

## SPORTS IN SHORT

—Continued from Page 4  
play-offs starts here Monday, Aug-  
ust 15. Princeton has now won  
21 and lost 4 to set a slightly siz-  
ing, .840 pace.

Short Shots. Play-offs in the "A"  
softball league (for the TOWN  
TOPICS trophy) start next week,  
with Forty-Niners facing the An-  
nex Grill and the defending cham-  
pions Phantoms tackling the Ro-  
yals. . . . National Guard and the  
Odd Fellows continue to lead the  
"B" and "C" circuits, respectively,  
with play-offs coming later in the  
month.

A Princeton sophomore, Gil Bog-  
ley, won the Western junior tennis  
title in straight sets last Saturday.

. . . 18 years old, he's one of sev-  
eral players that will make Jack  
Conroy's varsity tennis team an  
Eastern leader next Spring. . . .  
says Charlie Caldwell, speaking of  
George Sella " . . . one of the  
great all-around backs, offensive  
and defensive, in the East, perhaps  
in the country" . . . and of the  
coming season (practice starts in  
four weeks) " . . . Rarely, if ever  
before, have so many talented  
players reported to Ivy League col-  
leges in one season and every coach  
in the league agrees that scores  
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"Spirit," Lesson-Sermon; First  
Church of Christ, Scientist.  
8:00 p.m.: "Introducing a Person to  
Christ," Rev. Dr. J. Christy Wilson,  
Jr.; First Church.

Monday, August 8th

8:15 p.m.: Twin-M League Baseball;  
Plainsboro vs. Princeton; Brokaw  
Field. Y.M.C.A. "B" League: Na-  
tional Guard vs. ETS, Country Day  
Field; College Board vs. Eagles,  
Goldie Field; Commuters vs. Post  
Office, Wm. & Olden Field; AVC  
vs. Film Center, YMCA Field.

8:00 p.m.: Township Committee  
Meeting; Township Hall.

Wednesday, August 10th  
6:15 p.m.: Y.M.C.A. "C" League Soft-  
ball; Opinion Research vs. RCA,  
Goldie Field; Odd Fellows vs. Hey-  
den, YMCA Field.

8:00 p.m.: "Jesus the Way of Joy,"  
Rev. Mr. Anderson; Witherspoon  
Presbyterian Church.

8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Meeting; First  
Church of Christ, Scientist.  
8:30 p.m.: Mid-Week Hours of Prayer,  
Mt. Pisgah and First Baptist  
Churches.

Thursday, August 11th  
9:00-11:00 p.m.: Block Dance sponsored  
by Playground Committee; High  
School Oval.

Friday, August 12th  
8:15 p.m.: Concert by Camp Choir,  
climaxing Summer Session of West-  
minster Choir College. (Concert by  
Professional School Saturday at  
8:15 p.m.)

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